



AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
MUMBAI, INDIA
PACKET FOUR – K1 VISA

You have notified us that you have all the documents needed for your application for an nonimmigrant K1 visa. We have scheduled an appointment for you to come to this office and formally apply for a nonimmigrant K1 visa. Your children below 21 years must appear in person with you for the interview. Each applicant requires a separate visa. If you cannot keep your visa appointment, please notify this office at 23637407, Email: mumbaiIV@state.gov

BEFORE COMING FOR YOUR VISA INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED AT YOUR NEAREST VFS OFFICE (A LIST OF OFFICES IS ENCLOSED). VFS WILL GIVE YOU A RECEIPT FOR ALL DOCUMENTS LEFT WITH IT. AT THE TIME YOU PRESENT YOUR DOCUMENTS YOU MUST ALSO PAY A COURIER FEE OF Rs. 365/-.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE PRESENTED AT YOUR NEAREST VFS OFFICE (SEE ATTACHED SHEET) NO EARLIER THAN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS AND NO LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR INTERVIEW. FAILURE TO SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENTS BY TEN WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF YOUR INTERVIEW DATE.

EXCEPTION: Applicants submitting documents to VFS Kolkata should do so FIFTEEN (15) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW.

If you wish, you may submit your documents at the Consulate on the day of interview but **YOU MUST** pay the courier charges at a VFS office before the date of interview. You are strongly urged to submit your documents to a VFS office at the same time you pay the courier fee.

Required documents should be presented in the following order for each applicant. Please tick the boxes on the left side, to be sure that you have collected all the documents for the interview.

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PASSPORT: Each applicant must have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for travel to the United States and must have at least eight months validity beyond the issuance date of the visa. The passport should reflect the correct name and date of birth of the applicant. The visa is issued in the name given in the applicant's passport. A female applicant does not compulsorily have to change her name to her married name. Those applicants whose passports are issued in their maiden names will have their visas issued in their maiden names. Applicants should bring all current and former/expired passports with them to the Embassy for their interview.

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PHOTOS: See attached sheet.

☐ **APPLICATION FORMS:** *attached* forms DS-156, Nonimmigrant Visa Application, two copies for each applicant. Separate forms should be completed for each applicant. When completing the form please include all names used by each applicant, including any names used in the past. In particular, married women must be sure to include their full name as used before marriage, after marriage, and any other aliases. Please use the exact spelling and name order indicated in the applicant's passport.

☐ **BIRTH CERTIFICATE:** **Original and photocopy.** Each applicant must submit an original and a clear photocopy of his/her birth certificate. The certificate should include the applicant's name, date and place of birth, the names of both parents, and the seal of the issuing office, i.e. the municipal authorities or the village authorities (gram panchayat or talati-cum-mantri). If your name is not mentioned in the birth certificate and if any details are missing in the birth certificate or if there is a discrepancy regarding your date of birth or name, submit the certificate along with secondary evidence.

Secondary evidence can be a baptismal certificate, an adoption decree, a school record, a notarized affidavit from a close relative, a neighbor or friend who was present at the time of your birth on the appropriate stamp paper, which must be sworn before a First Class Magistrate. The person making this affidavit must state how he/she knows your family and how he/she knows the facts of your birth. **Secondary evidence must have your name, date and place of birth; names of both parents; and the seal of the issuing office.**

If your birth was not recorded, please submit a "no record of birth registration" letter from the relevant municipality along with secondary evidence and if your birth record has been destroyed or the municipality authorities will not issue one, submit a letter from the municipality stating so along with secondary evidence. (See preceding paragraph for definition of "secondary evidence.")

Note: If any of these documents were issued in a regional language, a notarized English translation is required in addition to the original.

☐ **TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE:** All applicants who have divorced or whose spouses have died must provide an **original and a clear photocopy** of proof of the legal termination of all previous marriages (death certificate of spouse, divorce decree). Divorce between Hindus and Christians must be documented by a court order. A certificate from the Kazi or the head of the Jamat must document divorce between Muslims. If any of these documents were issued in a local language, a notarized English translation is required in addition to the original.

☐ **PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP:** We strongly suggest that all applicants bring extensive documentary evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and the primary beneficiary and between the primary beneficiary and any derivative beneficiaries. **Failure to do so could greatly delay your application while your application is investigated.** Some examples of such evidence are family and other photographs (old and recent) showing the parties together, letters, cards, correspondence, and telephone records.

☐ **POLICE REPORT:** Each applicant aged 16 years and older must submit a police certificate that includes information regarding the applicant including all arrests, the reason for the arrest(s) and the disposition of each case(s). **(A)** Indian citizens residing in India for six months or more since turning 16 years of age must present Indian police clearance certificates from both their district police station and the local area passport office. Applicants whose passports were issued within six months of the visa interview may present just the passport office certificate. These certificates are valid for one year from the date of issuance. **(B)** If an Indian citizen who has lived in India for at least one year after the age of 16 currently resides outside India, he/she must obtain a certificate issued by the Indian Embassy or Consulate where he/she lives. These certificates are valid for only one year from the date of issuance.

(C) Foreign police certificates: Applicants who have resided in any other country for one year or more after the age of 16 may also be required to submit police certificates for these countries. Applicants may inquire of our Immigrant Visa Unit regarding police certificates for these countries, telephone number: 23637407, Email: mubaiiv@state.gov. You may also check in the visa reciprocity table on the website www.travel.state.gov. U.S. police certificates are not required for applicants who have lived in the U.S.A. Non-Indian immigrant visa applicants residing in India should obtain police certificates from the district police station serving their area of residence.

DEPORTATION: Any applicant who has been deported from the United States must submit all documents relating to the matter.

PRISON RECORDS: Applicants who have been convicted of a crime must submit court records, prison records, records regarding the disposition of the case and any additional information regarding the crime, regardless of the fact that he/she may have subsequently benefited from an amnesty, pardon or other act of clemency.

MILITARY RECORDS: A certified copy of any military record is required. The record should contain a complete record of the applicant's service and conduct while in service. It must show any conviction of crime before a military tribunal. A discharge certificate is required upon discharge, retirement, or resignation from military service.

☐ **AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT:**

Note: Only U.S. consular officers, DHS officers and U.S. notaries are authorized to notarize form I-134.

Each visa applicant needs to satisfy the consular officer that he/she will not become a public charge. The petitioner must provide a notarized affidavit of support (form I-134). If the petitioner's income is not sufficient the applicant **MUST** submit the above documents from the petitioner along with the same documents from an additional sponsor willing to assume financial responsibility for the visa applicant. See the paragraph below for details regarding these documents.

- Form I-134.
- Documentary evidence that the petitioner/joint sponsor is a U.S.citizen /U.S. permanent resident (e.g., clear photocopy of birth certificate/certificate of naturalization /U.S. passport/ both sides of green card, as applicable).

- Federal tax return (form 1040) with all W2s and supporting schedules for the **most recent taxable year**.
- If the petitioner/joint sponsor did not file a tax return, then the petitioner must provide a written explanation of why he/she had no legal duty to file the return.
- If the petitioner/joint sponsor filed a late or amended tax return, he/she should submit evidence of it.
- If the petitioner/joint sponsor does not have copies of his/her tax returns, an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) summary should be submitted.

☐ **MEDICAL REPORT:** Medical report from one of the American Consulate's panels physicians for each applicant. See enclosed list of physicians.

☐ **FEES:** \$131 or Rs. 5,764/- for each applicant. Visa fees are not refundable; they must be paid through a rupee bank draft drawn on a nationalized or foreign bank. **The bank drafts must be issued in the name of "The American Consulate General, Mumbai", and should be payable in Mumbai.** As the rate of exchange can change, we recommend that applicants check the current consular rate of exchange at our website: <http://mumbai.usconsulate.gov> or contact the American Consulate ahead of their interview to obtain the current consular rate of exchange. At present, applicant has to pay the K1 Visa Fee \$ 131 or Rs. 5,764/- (only single draft required) for each applicant. Using the exchange rate of \$1.00 = Rs. 44/-. Exchange rate subject to change without notice.

Note: The above fees are separate from the fee charged when an nonimmigrant K3 visa petition, form I-129F is filed.

IMPORTANT

- Visa applicants must submit all the requested documents at their interview.
- Photocopies and/or faxed copies of documents that are submitted, including those used to identify a person (e.g., green card, passport) should be clear; the image and the information in the copies should be clearly visible. Please inform our office immediately of any change that may affect your visa application, such as a change of address, a change of marital status, the death of the petitioner, birth or adoption of any children.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants arriving at the Visa Section will be interviewed and given an oath by a consular officer. Their documents will be reviewed, and they will be advised of the outcome of their applications. The Consular Section is closed on Saturday, Sunday, and American and Indian holidays. Due to the volume of applicants, this process may takes most of the day. We suggest bringing books, crossword puzzles and other diversions. The waiting room is air-conditioned, has toilets, and is a no-smoking area.

NO ASSURANCE THAT VISA WILL BE ISSUED

No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued. A consular officer can make a decision only after your visa application and all documents are reviewed, and you have been personally interviewed. The K1 is a nonimmigrant visa for the fiancé of a U.S. citizen. The K2 is a nonimmigrant visa for the unmarried child, under 21 years of age, of a K1 applicant. You are advised not to make any travel arrangements, and not to dispose of your property or give up your job until the visa has been issued. If your visa application is refused, you will be given a refusal sheet that will indicate the basis for your refusal. If applicable, it will tell you what actions you may take to overcome the refusal. The visas are affixed inside each passport and the applicant is given a sealed envelope which should be hand carried, UNOPENED, to the United States and submitted to the immigration inspector at the U.S. port-of-entry.

Validity of the K1 visa: A K1 visa is generally valid for six months. You must travel and apply for admission to the United States within that period. The visa may not be transferred from one person to another, or used by any person other than the person to whom issued.

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES AT THE PORT OF ENTRY

Applicants should be aware that a visa does not guarantee entry into the United States. Legally, the visa specifies the period during which the bearer may apply at a port of entry to enter the United States. The Department of Homeland Security – Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service office (DHS-BCIS) authorizes the traveler's admission to the United States, not the consular officer.

This information sheet is provided free of charge by the Consular Section, American Consulate, Mumbai.

Please note that any false statement or concealment of a material fact may result in your permanent exclusion from the United States.